

# Monday, January 26, 2026

7:30 - 9 p.m.

**Welcome Reception**  
*Sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau and the Great Lakes Crop Summit*

# Tuesday, January 27, 2026

8:00 a.m.

**Registration, Exhibit Area Open, Hot Breakfast - Sponsored by Zeeland Farm Services, Inc.**

9:00 a.m.

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Geopolitical trends the agricultural industry needs to watch**  
 Jacob Shapiro, Bespoke Group

10:30 a.m.

**Exhibit Area Open**

11:00 a.m.

**Exhibit Area Open and Lunch - Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions**

## Saginaw Room

**Understanding the agricultural trade deficit: Trends, causes, and concerns**

Andrew Muhammad,  
 University of Tennessee  
 at Knoxville

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 Crystal Flash*

## Swan Creek Room

**A resource for simplifying respiratory protection in agriculture**

Ed Parsons, Michigan State University (RUP)

## Black River Room

**On-farm grain storage benefits & marketing**

Nate Greeley, ZFS Ithaca; Nate Nies, ZFS Inc.; Mike Boring, The Andersons Inc.; Nick Reigler and Chris Betz, MAC (1 CM)

## Three Fires Room

**Root Reveal™ and Silk Reveal: Optimizing corn hybrid performance through the understanding of genetic variation in corn root architecture and ASI**

Jeferson Pimentel and Aaron Brooker, Beck's Hybrids (.5 NM, .5 CM)

## Policy signals shaping agriculture and supply chains in 2026

Jeremy Adamson,  
 PepsiCo

**Oh deer! How to deal with the most frustrating pest on the farm: a panel session**

Monica Jean,  
 Michigan State University Extension (RUP) (1 PM)

## Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway: An export platform for U.S. agriculture

Jazmine Jurkiewicz,  
 Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

**Optimizing neonic seed treatments for profit, performance, and sustainability**

Clay Bolt, World Wildlife Fund and Brookside Labs (.5 CM, .5 S)

## Room Closed for Setup

**Managing vomitoxin: The path to clean corn**

Andy Vickers, POET (RUP) (1 PM)

## Partnerships that support farmer resiliency and profitability

Jeremy Adamson,  
 PepsiCo (1 SW)

**The future of farm insurance: How to keep your farm insurable**

Daniel Johnson and Benn Starr, Newaygo Insurance Agency (1 PD)

4:00 - 7 p.m.

**Exhibit Area Open**

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Sponsor Power Hour**  
*Exhibit Hall*

**Michigan Corn Growers Association & Michigan Soybean Association Annual Meetings**  
*Saginaw Room*

5 - 6 p.m.

**GreenStone Farm Credit Services Connect Reception - Exhibit Hall**

6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Buffet Dinner - Exhibit Hall**

8 p.m.

**BASF Evening Reception - Sponsored by BASF**

## Wednesday, January 28, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Exhibit Area Open, Continental Breakfast			
8:00 a.m.	<u>Keynote Speaker</u> <b>Change is the only constant: Navigating a shifting policy landscape</b> Susan Stroud, No Bull Agriculture			
	<i>Saginaw Room</i>	<i>Swan Creek Room</i>	<i>Black River Room</i>	<i>Three Fires Room</i>
9:15 a.m.	<b>How does the One Big Beautiful Bill Act affect your farm operation?</b>  Paul Neiffer, CPA	<b>High yield wheat: Learnings from the U.K., a panel of farmer and agronomist perspectives</b>  Dennis Pennington, Michigan State University (RUP) (1 NM)	<b>Michigan Soil Health Hero Awards with special presentation: Farmers leading change</b>  Dr. Ryan Stockwell, The Nature Conservancy (1 SW)	<b>How to create positive cash flow</b>  Steve Kluemper, AgriStrategies LLC
10:15 a.m.	<b>Ag Climate Dashboard: An all-in-one climate and weather website for the ag community</b>  Dr. Beth Hall, Midwestern Regional Climate Center (1 CM)	<b>Does more nitrogen mean more problems? Nitrogen and disease strategies for increased wheat yield</b>  Drs. Kurt Steinke and Marty Chilvers, Michigan State University (RUP) (1 PM)	<b>Understanding Inputs</b>  Brady Spangenberg, BASF	<b>Health hazards in agriculture</b>  Jamie Green, MIOSHA (1 PD)
11:05 a.m.	<b>Exhibit Area Open, Buffet Lunch &amp; Master Farmer Awards – Exhibit Hall</b> <i>Master Farmer Awards sponsored by Michigan Farmer, Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Wilbur-Ellis, Brownfield Ag News, GreenStone Farm Credit Services, Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, Michigan Soybean Committee, and Michigan Wheat Program</i>			
12:30 p.m.	<b>Soybean research highlights</b>  Drs. Kurt Steinke, Eric Patterson and Emily Merewitz Holm, Michigan State University (1 CM)	<b>Sprayer technology for weed control</b>  Christy Sprague and Michael Dodde, Michigan State University; Chad Yagow, Verdant Robotics (RUP) (1 PM)	<b>The uncontrollables: Manage stress when everything is outside of your control</b>  Sarah Zastrow, Cultivate Balance	<b>Room Closed</b>
1:30 p.m.	<b>Are you crop budgeting effectively?</b>  Jason Stegink, Wide Angle Agriculture (1 CM)	<b>Compliance with Endangered Species Act requirements</b>  Kevin Kern, MDARD (RUP) (.5 PM, .5 PD)	<b>Farm to fuel: Growing the future of renewable energy</b>  Pete Probst, Michigan Advanced Biofuels Coalition	<b>Room Closed</b>
2:30 p.m.	Adjourn			